

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Occupational Therapy Assistant Associate in Applied Science

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, in conjunction with Greenville Technical College's mission, is to offer a quality post-secondary program that is accessible and drives personal and economic growth through learning. The program faculty is committed to assisting students from diverse backgrounds in achievement of the skills, knowledge, and professional behaviors necessary for successful employment as an occupational therapy assistant in a variety of health care settings. Greenville Technical College's OTA program strives to graduate competent individuals who are able to perform as entry-level, state licensed and nationally certified occupational therapy assistants, while upholding the ethical standards and values of the profession.

Entrance Requirements:

Acceptable placement test score(s); plus high school diploma or GED

Type of Program:

Phase I: Day, evening, or weekend; full-time or part time for academic course work

Phase II: Full-time or part-time day for academic coursework and full-time day for fieldwork affiliations.

Professional Credentials:

Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) (subject to passing national exam)

Program Accreditation:

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)

c/o Accreditation Department

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

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Employment Opportunities:

Hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, schools, home health care, mental health facilities, long-term care facilities, private practice, industrial consulting, and research

- The Occupational Therapy Assistant program prepares students for entry-level practice in the field of occupational therapy. Occupational therapy assistants, under the supervision of occupational therapists, help people of all ages regain, develop, or master everyday skills in order to live independent, productive, and meaningful lives.
- This program is designed as a One-Plus-One program. Phase I includes all general education and related coursework that may be completed at Greenville Technical College or any articulating college. Students who anticipate completing all Phase I courses with the appropriate grades and technical GPA are eligible to submit Weighted Admissions Form for entry into Phase II.
- Phase II of the OTA program is only available at Greenville Tech's Benson Campus.
 - Students from articulating colleges must be able to travel to and/or locate accommodations near the Benson Campus.
 - Fieldwork course assignments during Phase II must be completed within 18 months of completion of academic preparation and may require students to travel and arrange temporary accommodations away from home.
- Graduates are eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapy assistant administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). Most states require licensure in order to practice; however state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination.
- **Phase I requirements:**
 - Complete Greenville Tech application packet and submit application fee.

- Submit all high school transcripts or GED and official college transcripts, if applicable.
- Achieve acceptable placement score for Phase I courses.
- Strongly recommend that students meet with a School of Health Sciences advisor to plan course progression.
- **Phase II admission requirements:**
 - Attend a Career Talk session for the OTA program within 2 years of admission to Phase II.
 - Meet all of the requirements for Phase I.
 - Attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 for all Phase I courses and have passed all Phase I courses with a minimum grade of "C" or higher on the first or second attempt.
 - OTA program applicants are required to complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to submitting a weighted admissions form for program admission. Scores from the TEAS test will be used in the point calculations on the Weighted Admissions form.
 - Students are selected for OTA Program Phase II admission based upon weighted admissions score. Students who complete all general education courses with the appropriate grade by the end of the fall term will be considered first. Students who complete the general education courses during the spring will be seated only when space is available. Students with the highest weighted admission score are accepted into Phase II based on space availability. Weighted admission criteria can be obtained at Career Talk session and at <https://www.gvltec.edu/ota/>.
- **After acceptance into Phase II of the OTA program, students will be required to**
 - Attend OTA Program new student orientation.
 - Have a negative 10-panel drug screen.
 - Complete the Healthstream online preclinical orientation.
 - Submit documentation of current Healthcare Provider CPR certification.
 - Have a crime-free criminal background report. Students may be subject to more than one background check during the program based on affiliate requirements.
 - Submit documentation of current physical exam and required immunizations.
 - Be able to attend all fieldwork affiliations on a full-time basis during scheduled fieldwork affiliation dates.

Recommended Program Schedule**

PHASE I

First Semester

AHS	102	Medical Terminology	3.0
ENG	101	English Composition I	3.0
PSY	201	General Psychology	3.0
BIO	210	Anatomy & Physiology I	4.0

Second Semester

BIO	211	Anatomy & Physiology II*	4.0
PSY	203	Human Growth and Development	3.0

Third Semester

PSY	212	Abnormal Psychology	3.0
MAT	109	College Algebra with Modeling *	3.0
		or	
MAT	110	College Algebra*	
		or	
MAT	120	Probability and Statistics *	
		or higher college transferable math *	
SPC	205	Public Speaking *	3.0
		or	
SPC	209	Interpersonal Communications *	
		Humanities elective	3.0

Total Phase I

32.0

PHASE II**Summer**

OTA	103	Introduction to Occupational Therapy	2.0
OTA	163	Psycho-Social Aspects of Occupational Therapy	2.0
OTA	200	Introduction to Kinesiology	3.0

Fall

OTA	130	Therapeutic Media I	1.0
OTA	131	Occupational Performance I	3.0
OTA	153	Clinical Applications I	5.0
OTA	203	Kinesiology for Occupational Therapy	3.0

Spring

OTA	135	Therapeutic Media II	1.0
OTA	136	Occupational Performance II	3.0
OTA	140	Clinical Introduction	1.0
OTA	245	Occupational Therapy Management	2.0
OTA	253	Clinical Applications II	5.0

Summer

OTA	260	Clinical V	7.0
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Fall

OTA	268	Clinical VI	7.0
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Total Phase II**45.0****Total Required Credit Hours:****77.0**

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